(b) and (c) As per policy, pantry car services are provided only on certain selected Mail and Express trains where adequate catering through static units enroute is not feasible subject to the availability of pantry cars. Instructions exist to provide catering facilities from stations enroute to the passengers of long distance/summer/holiday trains running without pantry cars. There is no proposal at present to provide pantry car on this train.

Loss from tourist trains

4054. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have suffered huge financial losses on account of its tourists trains, during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the formula adopted by the Railways on sharing ratio with State Tourism Departments has not proved profitable for them; and

(d) if so, the plans formulated to check losses in tourist trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) The Railways does not compute train-wise losses.

(c) and (d) The tourist trains have long gestation period. The formula for sharing ratio is worked out on the basis of capital investments and recurring operational costs. Its worthiness depends on the total revenue generated. The steps taken, in case of less patronage, are curtailment of frequency of services, reduce operating costs, intensive monitoring, improved marketing etc.

Direct rail route between Gadag and Bangalore

4055. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether direct train facilities between Gadag and Bangalore are available;

(b) if not, whether Railways have received any request from the Karnataka Government to provide a direct rail route between Gadag and Bangalore; and

(c) if so, whether Government would take steps to provide the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL). (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. 6591/6592 Bangalore-Hubli Hampi Express (Daily) provides a direct train service between Gadag and Bangalore. However, work of new line from Kotturu to Harihar is in progress which when completed will provide shorter route between Gadag and Bangalore.

Return tickets from Jaipur to Sawai Madhopur

†4056. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that rail tickets for Sawai Madhopur to Jaipur in Superfast trains are issued from Sawai Madhopur but the tickets for Jaipur to Sawai Madhopur are not issued; if so, the reasons therefor, and by when it would started to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): There are six pairs of superfast trains between Jaipur and Sawai Madhopur. Presently tickets are issued in all Superfast trains from Sawai Madhopur to Jaipur. However, in the return direction, tickets are issued for all superfast trains with the exception of 2956 Jaipur-Mumbai Central Superfast Express in which tickets are not issued due to distance restriction imposed upto Kota station.

Rail routes in States

4057. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total rail route kilometer covered in different States, State-wise and gauge-wise;

(b) the names of express trains having both the points of origination and termination in the same State, State-wise; and

(c) the rail projects under consideration in Orissa and their route length?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) A Statement is attached. (*See* below).

(b) Since boundaries of States do not form the criteria for introduction of trains, Railways do not maintain lists of trains starting and ending in a particular State.

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.